

# HOME RULE

AND

## THE "IRISH WORLD."

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What **THE "IRISH WORLD"** says of the **HOME RULE BILL**.

[Extract from the "*Irish World and American Industrial Advocate*,"  
April 17, 1886.]

"IF I were working for the dismemberment of the British Empire I could not desire anything better than Mr. Gladstone's Bill. It contrives to take away from Irishmen every inducement to wish that Empire well, and lays the financial foundations for endless and embittered international controversies. There is such a thing in this country as State patriotism and Union patriotism. Under a federal arrangement Irishmen might, if well treated, carry in their hearts this duplex sentiment—national patriotism, of course, being the stronger. But if they are expelled, as the Bill proposes, from Westminster and from all participation in the government of the Empire, they certainly can take no interest in its integrity or prosperity.

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"The more one reflects on the question, the plainer it becomes that there is no other alternative than total separation and federation. The former is our *maximum*, and the latter our *minimum* demand. The only satisfactory federation would be such as gives to Ireland complete control of her local affairs, and allows her to exist as a democratic Republic in partnership with monarchical England. Under such an arrangement Norway and Sweden exist. And there is no insuperable obstacle to federation as the only method of maintaining Irish freedom and Imperial unity."

## WHAT THE "IRISH WORLD" SAYS OF MR. GLADSTONE.

[Extract from the "Irish World," April 17, 1886.]

"We have written severe things of Gladstone, but nothing that we have ever written of him do we now take back, although, of course, we should and would take it back did conscience tell us it did him injustice; but conscience makes no such demand upon us.

"Gladstone has been one of the most ruthless tyrants that ever afflicted Ireland. Like Cromwell, however, he is a pharisee, not a hypocrite. A hypocrite is a person who knows himself to be a knave; a pharisee is one who believes himself to be a truly good man. Gladstone has immense faith in himself. His political life is full of flagrant contradictions; but as if unconscious of his inconsistencies, he never apologises for having abandoned a former position, but moves right on to new ground with the seeming innocence of a boy.

"The Bill, little as we prize it, may be defeated; even should it pass, it cannot, on its merits, bring Ireland that prosperity and contentment that we would desire for her.

"It is not respectable, we know, to say anything in favour of dynamite; but we had rather feel like an honest man than to be thought to be respectable; but dynamite itself can lift its head and look the respectabilities in the face, when their Grand Old Man, whose spittle they deem it an honour to lick, makes the avowal that the influence which induces England to make concessions to Ireland is 'an influence akin to fear.' At the same time we do not love disorder; we do not love violence for its own sake; we sincerely wish that Gladstone could honestly say, and that we could honestly believe that England, in making concession to Ireland, was influenced not by fear, but by justice; but history and common sense tell us otherwise, and, therefore, we say, if the present peaceful effort fail after a full, fair, and honest trial, the Irish people will be entirely justified to resort to other methods to redeem their country."



**THE "IRISH WORLD" ON SEPARATION.**

[*Extract from the "Irish World" of May 8, 1886.*]

"It would not even be a free colony like Canada or Queensland, but would be a colony in leading-strings, a Crown colony like Jamaica in everything but name. The self-governing colonies do not contribute to the Imperial Exchequer; but Ireland is to be a tribute-paying Jamaica, and a Receiver-General is to be appointed to grab all the taxes in the interest of foreign bondholders, as the English Receiver-General in Cairo grabs the Egyptian revenues. The fact is that every arrangement short of separation must leave Ireland in the position of a province. For eighty-five years they have been trying to make her a province of England, and have failed. But Home Rule in any shape will leave her a province of the Empire. If the Lord-Lieutenant is an essential feature of it, the whole Bill should be rejected. There cannot be any Irish independence, any real autonomy, any restored nationhood, with a foreign master. We trust that the Irish representatives, every man of them, will announce boldly, solemnly, and distinctly that unless the despotic Lord-Lieutenancy be abolished they will not support the Bill. They must either do this by their votes, or place Irish liberty and independence beneath an alien despot's heel."

**"THE BELLIGERENT CODE" OF THE "IRISH WORLD."**

[*Extract from the "Irish World."*]

"We are at war, and the belligerent code of our own making, which we lay down, is that we shall set fire to London in 500 places at once; that we shall burn and blow up people in the street at random; that we shall kill by bombs and fire and knife, and care nothing as to whom or how many we kill, so long as they are found within the four corners of England. We have no grievance—we advance no reasons. We simply say we want a certain thing, and we shall have it because we think fit. Else indiscriminate slaughter."

Perhaps readers of these extracts will say that the opinion of the *Irish World* matters very little, and that the sentiments here

expressed are only "tall talk" with which the Parnellite party has no sympathy, and which would not weigh in the least with the Leaders of an Irish Parliament. Unfortunately, we cannot take this view if we look into the facts. They show beyond doubt that the *Irish World* is truly representative of the Nationalist sentiment and policy, and has been openly acknowledged by Mr. Parnell and his followers. Let the facts speak for themselves.

### THE "IRISH WORLD" IS MR. PARNELL'S "UNOFFICIAL ORGAN."

Mr. Parnell was openly challenged in the House of Commons with his connection with the *Irish World*, which was declared to be the official organ of the Land League. Mr. Parnell denied that it was his "official organ."—"Unofficial, then?" was the reply.—"Yes," said the Nationalist leader.

The *Irish World* is under the special patronage of Mr. Parnell himself. See his "special cable to the editor of the *Irish World*," from which the following is taken:—

"Thanks to the *Irish World* and its readers for their constant co-operation and substantial support in our great cause. Let them have no fear for its ultimate success.

"(Signed) CHARLES STEWART PARNELL.

"January 26, 1881."

Remember that the greater part of the money received and spent by Mr. Parnell was collected by the *Irish World*. Remember that the *Irish World* has repeatedly and openly called for, and rejoiced in, outrage and murder.

What shall be said of a Leader and of a Party that are content to be in the pay of the *Irish World*?